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DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT MARCH 14, 2019

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the emergency management of Gary Community School Corporation and actions of the Distressed Unit Appeal Board ("DUAB") executive director since the last DUAB meeting on February 14, 2019. The information below should not be considered complete documentation of all actions taken by the emergency manager, as the statements below highlight only specific actions taken by the emergency manager and meetings held in the timeframe covered by this report.

Gary Community School Corporation ("GCSC")

- After the February DUAB meeting, the emergency management team for GCSC met with the Indiana Department of Education ("IDOE") to discuss the current status of various aspects of GCSC operations.
- An IDOE audit of GCSC's school building safety plans resulted in a compliant review.
- The Fiscal Management Board met on February 20.
- On February 27, a joint GCSC-City of Gary public meeting was held at West Side Leadership Academy to discuss the process for disposal of assets for GCSC. The Mayor participated in the meeting.
- On February 28, a public hearing was held at Frankie Woods McCullough Academy for Girls to receive feedback on the emergency manager's recommendation to convert the building to co-ed for next school year.
- On March 1, the emergency management team met with the majority of the Gary legislative delegation to provide an update to the legislators.
- The Advisory Board met on March 12.
- The emergency management team is conducting various focus groups in March and April to gather input from the community on what makes a quality school. This feedback will be used to develop future improvement plans for GCSC.